GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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LINKING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to link Godavari, Krishna and Cauvery rivers to resolve the dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The dispute regarding sharing of Cauvery water among the Statesof Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and UnionTerritory of Pondicherry was referred to Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) under the provisions of Inter-State Water Disputes (ISWD) Ac 1956 in June 1990 for adjudication. The CWDT has passedan interim order in June 1991, which has been published by the Central Government in the official gazette. National Perspective Plan for transferringwater from water surplus basins to water deficit areas was prepared in 1980. National Water DevelopmentAgency (NWDA)was established in 1982 as an autonomous society to carryout water balance and other studies and prepare feasibility reports. Under Peninsular Component of National Perspective prepared by Government, interlinking of Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna- Cauveryrivers is envisaged for optimum utilisation of water resources in these river basins. A total of 9 links have been identified by NWDA out of which feasibility reports for3 links have been completed and for the rest feasibility reports are planned for completion by 2005.